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*When I survey...*

## WHEN I SURVEY...

Elizabeth Reynolds



I bet the next words you hear in your head are ...*the wondrous cross*. Am I right? Or maybe it's just me and you thought: When I survey...

*...my backyard I realise it needs some serious T.L.C.*

*...this large stretch of land, I can determine its features and decide we can build a luxury swimming pool afterall.*

*...ten or more people I find I'm not the only one who likes to add jobs I've already done to my to-do list just so I can tick them off straight away and feel a satisfying sense of accomplishment.*

Like many English words, 'survey' has various meanings. To investigate opinions/experiences of others, to examine/record an area so as to construct a map, plan or description, or to look closely at or examine someone or something. I think the old hymn about the cross of Jesus Christ was most likely referring to this latter definition. But we could look at it from these other angles too.



If I look closely at or examine the cross of Jesus, I don't just observe the shape, the colour, the woodgrain. I *do, however*, examine what *meanings* it reveals. The cross reveals, above all, the

character of God... His unconditional, sacrificial love for lost sinners. It reveals His perfect justice that ensures the fitting consequence has been actioned for the gross crime taken place against the God of universe. It reveals His great compassion and mercy shown by not allowing this consequence to fall on us. And is also reveals His great power – His *capacity* to pass this judgement and give this mercy. It reveals His healing power, His forgiveness, His sovereignty, His authority over all creation. How can a piece of wood reveal so much? I encourage you to look up the lyrics of the hymn *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* and reflect on this meaning and capture the mind and heart of God.

But how can we 'survey' in other ways that will draw us closer to an understanding of God? I think next of surveying an area of land. What *real estate* could we consider on a spiritual level? I think of my heart, of course. Perhaps I should also survey my heart – to record it, construct a map, a plan or description of it. Measure it. Is there indeed a 'weed' problem? Are things taking root in there that shouldn't be? Is there enough space for the things that *should* be there? If we're looking to 'install' or

'build' a long-lasting personal relationship, is there the right kind of soil, space and dimensions for the foundations we wish to build? Are the right attitudes there? Is there discipline there? Is there an adequate amount of openness to God's word and voice in order to sustain the construct that is to be developed? And what is the estimated cost of living that life? What resources do I have that I can give to this project?



*Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all*

Every time you come to pray, worship or read the Bible, make a survey of your heart. Perhaps record it in a notebook for reflection and future reference. Then talk to the Land Developer and check that your heart is a suitable place for Him to dwell.

Now, how about taking another type of survey... Can we investigate the opinions and/or experiences of a group of people by asking them questions? We could survey 1000 people and find out how many of them believe in God, follow Him daily, have a

personal understanding of Him. That will certainly give us some quantitative information. But I would encourage you to, on a regular basis, seek the more *qualitative* data in people around about us. Sit down over coffee and discuss in depth about how God has been working in their lives. How God has revealed Himself to them lately. What blessings or challenges has God given them and how has their personal relationship with Him changed over time. Allow their testimonies to build you up in faith. It will give us not only some understanding about God, but a deeper understanding about *each other*. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are placed around us so that we can *do life* together. Give and receive support. Share experiences, joys, and fears.



God, and everything about Him requires surveying. So, survey creation. Survey the acts of love in people around you every day. Survey your responses to things that happen in life... We should become expert 'God-surveyors' to really grasp His love for us and the life we want to live in response to that.

## BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

# Happy Birthday

8 - Carol

10 - Helene

12 - Laura

13 - Mallika

14 - Ally T

16 - Jeremy

18 - Mavis

18 - Sunny

23 - Mark B



Celebrating birthdays is one way we can honour the gift of life God has given each of us. Happy Birthday from us!

Your birthday not showing up? Tell us when your birthday is so we can celebrate with you.

### DIARY DATE REMINDERS

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> FEB</b>	BICC Prayer Breakfast
<b>5<sup>TH</sup> FEB</b>	Flourish Connect returns
<b>7<sup>TH</sup> FEB</b>	Kid's Club returns
<b>9<sup>TH</sup> FEB</b>	Ministry Leader's Meeting (after church)
<b>11<sup>TH</sup> FEB</b>	Talking Tuesday & enCourage Connect returns
<b>12<sup>TH</sup> FEB</b>	Glenside Connect returns
<b>16<sup>TH</sup> FEB</b>	Music Practice - 12-2pm in church
<b>22<sup>TH</sup> FEB</b>	AMOS



ministry leaders

Prayer & Discussion

After the service - 12pm - lunch provided



# SUMMER February Teaching Series

2 Feb FAMILY SERVICE

9 Feb JAMES FOLEY

16 Feb ALF CHEHADE

23 Feb JIM DERRINGTON

*In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun... It rises at one end of the heaven and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.*

*Ps 19:4-6*



**Kids CLUB**

**Fridays 5.15-7.00P**  
**FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

**RECOMMENCES**  
**TERM 1 | 7 FEB**

**\$3per child | \$2per sibling**  
**[burnsidefamilychurch.com/connect](http://burnsidefamilychurch.com/connect)**



10:40 GROUP

2ND & 4TH

SUNDAYS

- ▷ GROWTH
  - ▷ BIBLE STUDY
  - ▷ GAMES
  - ▷ DISCUSSION
- DURING THE SERVICE
- FOR TEENS



### WEEKLY 'CONNECT' GROUPS

# ENCOURAGE

men's connect group

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday  
of the month

RECOMMENCES 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

7:30PM

88 LOCKWOOD ROAD BURNSIDE

THROUGH HTM WHO STRENGTHENS



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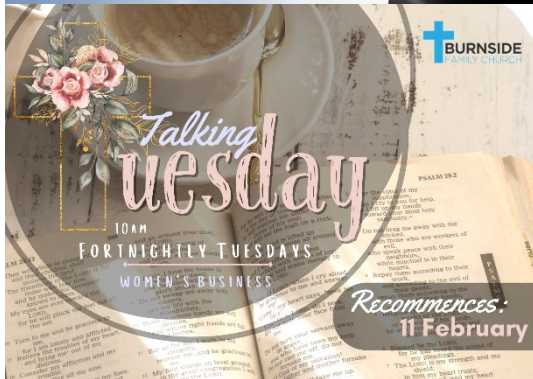


~ FOR LADIES ONLY ~  
FORTNIGHTLY WEDNESDAYS  
7-9 PM

FROM GOD'S WORD FLOWS

life!  
P301-432

recommences  
5TH FEBRUARY



# Talking Wednesday

10AM

FORTNIGHTLY TUESDAYS

WOMEN'S BUSINESS

Recommences:  
11 February

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# GLENSIDE connect

2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
7:30pm | Glenside

prayer  
fellowship  
in-depth bible study  
supper (really, good, supper.)



# Mannum Family Mission

12-18 JANUARY 2025 | [BURNSIDEFAMILYCHURCH.COM/MANNUM](http://BURNSIDEFAMILYCHURCH.COM/MANNUM)

## MANNUM FAMILY MISSION REPORT

Deepest thanks to all those who've been praying for God's hand to be at work in Mannum over the mission season! We had a wonderful time away with our most well attended program to date.

We were able to speak into the lives of 46 children and young people over the course of the 1 week program. We shared stories from the book of Mark and we pray that Jesus revealed himself to the children through the stories, activities, conversation and games we shared with them.

We seized the opportunity to give away many bibles, children's bibles, gospels of Mark, and other resources for free to children and families.

Please continue to pray over these books containing the Word of God, that they will bring life and blessing to all who open them and read them. Please pray that the children will have the truths of the scriptures that they've heard and memorized planted deeply in the good soil of their hearts. That they will deeply know what real love is - that Jesus gave His life for us!  
1 John 3:16.



# February 2025

[bfc.elvanto.com.au/calendar](http://bfc.elvanto.com.au/calendar)

January '25  
S M T W T F S  
1 2 3 4  
5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
12 13 14 15 16 17 18  
19 20 21 22 23 24 25  
26 27 28 29 30 31

March '25  
S M T W T F S  
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2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
9 10 11 12 13 14 15  
16 17 18 19 20 21 22  
23 24 25 26 27 28 29  
30 31

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids & 10:40 Group	27 w1 Term 1 Begins	28 w2 9.00a Prayer	29	30	31	1 7.30a BICC Prayer 6.30p Intercessory Prayer
2	9.20a Prayer 10a Family Service	3 w2 7.00p Elders	4 w3 9.00a Prayer	5 10.30a Magill Service 7.00p Flourish Connect	6	7 5.15p Kids Club/Youth	8 6.30p Tamil Bible Study
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# FEBRUARY SUNDAY TEAM

Date	Teaching Team		Kids Ministry		Music Team (see elvanto for musicians)		Service Team					Hospitality Team	
	Sermon	Chair/ munion Notices	Kid's Church	Helper / Creche Group	Sound Desk	Media Desk	Comm Serving	Welcome	Collection	Count	Lock Up	Kitchen	Comm Prep
2/02	Family Service	Tony Alkmim Laura	-	Andrew Elizabeth	Jeremy	Grace	Jenny S Jim Carol Renee	Andrew Sharon	Nick Mark	Joshua Jenny S	Nick	Ally C Leonie	Jenny S
9/02	James Foley	Andrew Alf Jenkins		Nev Mel	James	Annabelle	Mark Ally C Smita Devinder	Ally C Lisa	Ally T Elsa	Monica Devinder	Mark	Alice Brian	Helene
16/02	Alf Chehade	Steve Chapman Jim		Sheila Laura	Brian	Andrew	Sharon Jeff Leonie Tony	Tony Vicky A	Brandon Benjamin	Jeff Keming	Jim	Jelita Carol	Alice
23/02	Jim Derrington	Brain Elizabeth Raynor		Lyn James	Joshua	Sheila	Michelle Monica Annabelle Neville	Renee Nick	Aisha Beth	Aaron James	Nev	Tony Vicky A	Michelle

Thank you for serving the Lord, and blessing our Church family. If you need to swap with someone, please contact another person directly. A copy of the roster is up on the vestry wall.  
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## MAASAI MISSION UPDATE – JANUARY 2025

Jenny Chapman

Prior to Christmas, the Elders agreed to send a Love Gift to Pastor Daniel as we hadn't actually sent any money during 2024 and of course the physical needs continue. It was to be a great encouragement to Pastor Daniel and his volunteers.

An amount of \$800 was sent.

Here is an excerpt of the appreciate letter Pastor Daniel wrote:

*On behalf of the Ngorongoro Naretu Elders, and the community of Ngorongoro Villages, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your incredible support and generosity. Your contribution of food, clothes and meat and the funds to start building a toilet, has made a significant impact on the lives of our elders.*

In summary –

- The toilet is going to be part of the new elderly Grass Hut day care centre built with money sent from HealthServe Australia mid year and will be similar to a bush pit toilet.
- Food – 36.5kg rice! and a goat was purchased to share a Christmas feed with elderly and volunteers

- Blankets (Shuka;) for the elderly as the cooler and rainier season comes in.

### **Looking ahead – securing water at the building site.**

God has been guiding the way forward for 2025 and beyond as we seek to build a medical clinic near the village of Naiyboi

- The first priority will be to ensure water is on site
- This co-incides with advice from Dr Burke and the request of the chief of the neighbouring village.
- Burnside Family Church sent the funds out of our fundraising from 2024 for a survey to be undertaken as the first step.
- The survey on 14 Jan revealed that although sinking a bore is feasible, the depth would need to be around 270m at a projected cost of \$45,000 AUD with the water quality and quantity not being guaranteed until drilling and testing takes place.
- Fortunately another alternative presented itself by way of a pipeline from an existing well 3.5km further away which draws on river water from the Embakai valley already used safely for domestic use by the villagers. Surprisingly to us, the

cost of laying a pipeline and building a 5000L tank and tower would be \$24,000AUD, a good deal less than the bore. The pipeline would mean that water is available at the proposed site as well as an improvement for the village of Naiyobi. This appears to be the obvious pathway for us and is agreed upon by Pastor Daniel and the chief of the village.

- **This means that the laying of a pipeline, tank and tower will be the first part of our project for 2025 with a target of \$24,000**
- A project such as building a medical clinic needs partners, and so an application to HealthServe Australia is being made to outline the project in

four stages from the well to the finished building ready for use.

- **The next stage of the project will be to raise the funds for the foundations so that the building can begin as soon as possible.**
- If building is to start within 12 months, current estimates are that we will need to raise a total of \$57,500 this year which will cover the pipeline, water tank, tower and money for foundations, transport and labour.

**For the project to be completed by 2027-28 funds of approx. \$55k will need to be raised each year.**

For a quick view here is a proposed plan for building to be completed by 2027-28  
A plan of faith to pray through!

YEAR	ACTIVITY	COST Australian Dollars
2025 Jan 14	Water survey	\$1800 Paid by BFC 2024 fund raising
	Jan 15	Quote for bore
	Quote for pipeline	\$45,000 NOT GOING AHEAD
		\$24,000
	Sub structure:Foundations	\$12,000
	Labor and transport	\$4000 \$17,500
Complete foundations by end 2025	<b>Total funds to raise in 2025</b>	<b>\$57,500</b>
2026	Superstructure: roof, wall beams etc	\$28,500
	Transport of materials	\$17,500
	Labour	\$ 7, 500
	<b>Total funds to raise in 2026</b>	<b>\$54,000</b>

2027	Windows, electrical finishing painting plumbing	\$28,900
	Transport of materials	\$17,500
	Labour	\$7,500
	<b>Total funds to raise in 2027</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$161,500</b>
2028	Completion of project and building in use.	

**Our response:**

We ask everyone to pray fervently to the Lord our God, who owns the cattle on a thousand hills, for the supply of the funds and our part in it. We ask for more partners to join us so that we can get this done.

*The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, / the world, and all who live in it* Psalm 24:1

*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you* Matthew 7:7

**Already in the diary!**

Fundraising concert 22 March 7pm  
St Matthews Church

'Imagine if the Beatles met Jesus.'  
Proceeds kindly donated to this cause.



Please spread the word and invite your friends and family!

Promotional material to distribute will be available soon...

BFC will be providing the refreshments. Jenny will be giving a brief presentation. Led by Mary Daniel (his wife) the women of Ngorongoro will be making bead work products such as keyrings, coasters and jewellery to send over for sale as their contribution to our fundraising.

## FAMILY SERVICE SERIES

# Explore Together

First Sunday of each month  
Children and adults worship and learn together

'EXPLORE TOGETHER' FAMILY SERVICES will continue this year commencing from February. The congregation will explore a Bible passage together using 4 'zones'. Each zone is geared towards different learning styles and preferences.

**DO YOU FEEL THE NEED...**

**...THE NEED TO**

**serve?**



*And He (Jesus) gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ... Eph 4:11-12*

Serving is a form of worship and there are many various ways you can serve during our regular Sunday gatherings. We try hard not burn anyone out with responsibility, but we would also not want anyone *wanting* to serve to not get the opportunity! In what areas would you like to serve? Below is a list of different departments that need volunteers and who to speak to if you're interested...

<b>Creative Ministries Team (Music, Technical, Performing Arts etc):</b>	Elizabeth Reynolds
<b>Kid's Ministry (BF Kids, Creche etc):</b>	Laura Duke
<b>"Sunday Team" roles (welcoming, communion serving, hospitality, counting offerings etc.</b>	Elizabeth Reynolds
<b>Church facility / maintenance: Check: <a href="http://burnsidefamilychurch.com/practical">burnsidefamilychurch.com/practical</a> for more details</b>	Nick Chehade, Jeff Byerley, Pam Horton
<b>Teaching / Preaching:</b>	Alf Chehade

# BFC CREATIVE MINISTRIES TEAM

## MUSIC AND PRODUCTION TEAM VOLUNTEERS

MUSIC PRACTICES EVERY 3RD SUNDAY

### OTHER MATTERS...

**MORNING TEA:** Just a reminder that the kitchen helpers (while they may sometimes choose to wash your cup for you) are **not responsible** for washing your coffee/tea cup after the service. Before you go, please take your cup to the kitchen, wash it in the sink (that is usually already filled up with soapy water), dry it, and put it back in the 'MUGS' drawer.

*In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.* Matthew 5:16

**ROSTERS:** You can check when you are rostered on for something anytime via your Elvanto log-in or on the printed rosters up on the bulletin board in the rear hall. If you can't fulfil your rostered task, please arrange somebody to swap with you by contacting them directly, then notify Elizabeth Reynolds of the swap.

**BINS:** Please be mindful of which bin you are putting your waste into. Our kitchen has a general waste and a recycling bin. Check what should go where before throwing away your rubbish.

**LOST & FOUND:** If you're missing something and think you might have left it here at church, please check the blue "Lost Property" box which is in the **vestry just by the door to the rear hall.**

### EFTPOS AVAILABILITY, EFT & LEGACY FUND

| BSB - 035039

| ACC - 524397

| NAME - BFC

| Ref: "Giving" or "Missions"

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

EACH DECIDE IN YOUR HEART HOW MUCH TO GIVE. AND DON'T GIVE RELUCTANTLY OR IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE. "FOR GOD LOVES A PERSON WHO GIVES CHEERFULLY" 2 COR 9:7



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LEAVE A LEGACY. MAKE A PLEDGE TO:

## CHURCH LEGACY FUND

A FUND TO STRENGTHEN OUR HERITAGE  
OUR LOCAL FACILITY AND GLOBAL MISSION

BSB - 035039 |

ACC - 524418 |

NAME - BFC LEGACY |

Ref: "BFC Legacy" |

# CONNECT



PRAY



'ENCOURAGE'  
MEN'S CONNECT

7:30P  
FORTNIGHTLY  
TUESDAYS

ANDREW JENKINS



GLENSIDE  
7:30P  
2ND & 4TH  
WEDNESDAYS

ALLY/ALF  
CHEHADE

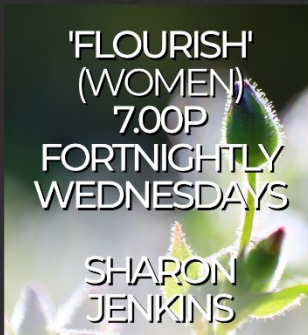


DISCUSS



TALKING TUESDAY'  
(WOMEN)  
10:00A  
FORTNIGHTLY  
TUESDAYS

BRON LANGMAN



'FLOURISH'  
(WOMEN)  
7:00P  
FORTNIGHTLY  
WEDNESDAYS

SHARON  
JENKINS



TAMIL  
6:30P  
2ND SATURDAYS  
DAISY & KUMAR



BELONG



## 2025

friends | grow | care | fellowship | pray | bible | support

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EFTPOS is available

## WE'RE HIS CHURCH

...a house of prayer for all nations  
accomplishing more than we  
could dream for the  
brokenhearted to call on the  
name of Jesus [as vision]

...sent to make a difference every  
day in the name of Jesus to all  
generations [as mission]

## 10.00A SUNDAY

Starting at 10.00a, we usually finish by 11.30a. You will be greeted at the door and receive our newsletter and invited to take a seat of your choice. Our gathering begins with music with words shown on a media screen.

During the service, we share in communion which reminds us of the death and life of Christ we share. An encouraging message from the Bible follows and afterwards, everyone is invited to the Back Hall for tea and coffee.

We have a video stream into the rear Hall we call our Family Room. With COVID restrictions relaxed, you can choose to wear a mask, or not!